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The economic benefits of Bristol Bay's salmon fisheries are valued far and wide, as detailed in a piece in the Portland Business Journal. The authors, from the popular grocery chain New Seasons Market and seafood distributor Ocean Beauty Seafoods, applaud the EPA's watershed assessment. They write: "The review is nearly complete and the evidence is overwhelming that this mine cannot be allowed to threaten Bristol Bay salmon. That is why more than 50 Oregon business and fishing conservation groups have written the EPA to support the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment and use its authority to prevent the Pebble Mine from being developed."

Letters to the editor from around the country this week continue to shine light on support for Bristol Bay. One in the Corvallis Gazette-Times of Oregon reminds people of what's been lost elsewhere. Kate Taylor writes: "Bristol Bay is what the Northwest once was: wild, pristine and sustainable. It is a place where the wild fish keep returning, the industry still thrives and there is no need for \$16 million hatchery schemes. It's a place where there is enough wild fish to go around as long as the habitat stays unmolested."

And two high school students in Fairbanks, Alaska, both citing the state constitution, urged their community to protect the fisheries from Pebble Mine. As one wrote, "...the Pebble mine plan is not beneficial for most people, animals and the environment. Only small groups of people agree with the plan because the gold and copper are worth a lot of money. The Pebble mine plan should not be adopted." Another letter writer and commercial fisherman thanked the Food Marketing Institute for the grocery industry's support of Bristol Bay sockeye salmon and habitat.

Popular Midwest outdoor radio show host Dan Small recently interviewed Nelli Williams of Trout Unlimited Alaska. Nelli introduced Great Lakes audiences to the outdoor hunting and fishing paradise of Bristol Bay and explained how it supports 12,000 jobs and faces a massive mine that poses too great a risk.

The Pebble Partnership continued to introduce their baseline environmental data, covered in a Homer News story that also mentions Gov. Sean Parnell's attempt to push the EPA to stop its Watershed Assessment process or face legal action from Alaska.

Lastly, the Pebble Partnership had some awkward explaining to do when it was revealed they had created a website implying that former Alaska first lady Bella Hammond – a staunch Pebble opponent – supports the mine project. They had a placeholder web page with Hammond's full name and address and the slogan "Join Us Support the Pebble Project." Hammond called the page "appalling," and a Pebble spokesperson explained: "It's a basic marketing tool ... a data collection landing page." Hammond's name and address have since been removed from the page.

For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

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Alaska mine decision critical to Oregon fishing industry

Alan Hummel and Jack Whitney

Portland Business Journal

Salmon has played an integral role in Oregon's history. It has sustained native tribes for centuries, is part of the economic backbone that built this state and remains a critical component of our cultural identity. Though not likely common knowledge amongst Oregonians, many in Oregon's commercial and sports fishing industries depend on Alaska fisheries for their livelihoods... Click here to read more

Why Corvallis should help stop open pit mine in Alaska

Kate Taylor

Corvallis Gazette-Times

This summer will be my fifth year heading up to Bristol Bay, Alaska, to guide sport fishing clients in one of the most remarkably wild places left on Earth. Three other friends of mine from Corvallis will also be traveling north to make a majority of their income this way... Click here to read more

Show 714: Hear reports on turkey camp, bank fishing and efforts to save Bristol Bay (17:00-23:00)

Dan Small

Dan Small Outdoor Radio

Nelli Williams, special projects coordinator for Trout Unlimited in Anchorage, Alaska, talks about efforts to stop the proposed Pebble Mine and save Bristol Bays wild salmon fishery... Click here to listen

Protect fishing

Marlene Bond, Fairbanks AK

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

I am a student at West Valley High School. Pebble mine should not be built, because it is not necessary. If the Pebble mine were built, it would put about 1,500 commercial fishermen out of their jobs... Click here to read more

Pebble problems

Jingjing Huang, Fairbanks AK

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner

In my Alaska studies class, we learned about mining in Alaska, and we had a lot of reading on it. I disagree with the Pebble Mine plan because it will change the natural environment, wild animals and people in that area... Click here to read more

Thanks to retail grocers for supporting EPA's Pebble mine study

Alexus Kwachka

Alaska Dispatch

As an Alaskan and a commercial fisherman, I was delighted to read the news last week that the Food Marketing Institute (FMI) has spoken up to support a scientific study, under way by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to assess the impacts of large scale mining (including Pebble Mine) on Bristol Bay's fishery... Click here to read more

Pebble science bought, not censored

McKibben Jackinsky

**Homer News** 

How do you squeeze into three hours five years of collected data that fill more than 20,000 pages of an environmental baseline document, with a 426-page technical summary and a price tag of \$120 million?... Click here to read more

Who has authority to assess Pebble mine risks: Alaska or EPA?

Margaret Bauman

Alaska Dispatch

As fishermen organize nationally to protect the Bristol Bay watershed from potential adverse affects from mining, the state of Alaska is blasting a federal watershed assessment that could justify prohibitions against mine wastes in the watershed... Click here to read more

Pebble approaches permitting

Naomi Klouda

Homer Tribune and Redoubt Reporter

Consultants for the Pebble Project were in Homer Friday to discuss the newly released baseline environmental study completed of the mine area, now published as a 27,000-page document... Click here to read more

Alaska Ear Sheila Toomey Anchorage Daily News

A funny thing happened to Bella Hammond, our favorite former Alaska first lady, who is basically living her life and minding her own business out there in Port Alsworth on Lake Clark. Bella is vehemently opposed to the Pebble mine -- oh, sorry, the Pebble Prospect, uh, Partnership? -- so she was upset to find the Pebble people have created a website in her name without her permission, or even knowledge... Click here to read more

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